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THREE PART GRAPHICCopy 208**ARMS TRANSSHIPMENT  
EL BLUFF PORT FACILITY, NICARAGUA**

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: A SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENT HAS ARRIVED IN NICARAGUA.

2. (SWN) REMARKS: A SOVIET GEROI PANFILOVTSY-CLASS MERSHIP HAS ARRIVED SINCE [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 1). AT LEAST FIVE PROBABLE MEDIUM TANKS ARE IN HOLD NUMBER 4. THE NICARAGUAN ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF (RO/RO) SHIPS "ARACELY" AND "NICARAO" ALSO REMAIN IN PORT (GRAPHIC 2). "ARACELY" ARRIVED [REDACTED] WHILE "NICARAO" ARRIVED [REDACTED] NORMALLY THESE TWO SHIPS ARE USED TO TRANSFER HEAVY MILITARY CARGO FROM EL BLUFF TO RAMA PORT FACILITIES [REDACTED] WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 50 NM UP THE RIO ESCONDIDO. THE TRANSFER OF CARGO FROM LARGER SHIPS TO THESE SHALLOW-DRAFT RO/RO SHIPS IS REQUIRED DUE TO THE RIVER DEPTH AND LIMITED FACILITIES AT RAMA.

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(SWN) THE LAST OBSERVED ARMS TRANSSHIPMENT OCCURRED ON [REDACTED] WHEN AN ALGERIAN MERCHANT SHIP WAS AT EL BLUFF PORT FACILITY WITH THE "ARACELY" ALONGSIDE. A ZHUK PATROL BOAT WAS OFFLOADED AT EL BLUFF, AND GSP HEAVY AMPHIBIOUS FERRIES AND POSSIBLE BM-21 MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHERS WERE TRANSFERRED TO RAMA PORT FACILITIES.

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(SWN) ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE ARMS-RELATED ACTIVITY IS AT EL BLUFF AIRFIELD [REDACTED], WHERE THREE CESSNA U-17A LIAISON AIRCRAFT, ONE HIP C HELICOPTER, AND ONE ALOUETTE HELICOPTER HAVE ARRIVED [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 3). THESE AIRCRAFT MAY BE HERE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY DURING ARMS TRANSLOADING OPERATIONS.

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 11-59-40N 083-40-39W

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